



POWDER HORN



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Introduction The Powder Horn course is designed to introduce and expose Venturing and Boy Scouting adult unit leaders to the activities and resources necessary to operate a successful outdoor/high adventure unit-level program. It is based on the eight core and eighteen electives found in the Venturing Ranger program. It is intended to help adult leaders get out-of-the-box in finding and using resources and in the way they lead their unit-level high adventure programs. No high adventure skills are taught in this course. It is designed to have some disciplines introduced with a hands-on segment. *Example:* For scuba if a pool is available, it is suggested to do a Discover Scuba (PADI) session where participants get into a shallow pool and wear scuba gear. It is not scuba certification. Participants will not learn how to rock climb or shoot a skeet course, but will learn where to go to find those who can teach these skills to Boy Scouts and Venturers.

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Purpose

The course is designed to help unit-level adult leaders to:

1. Find the resources necessary for a high adventure program.
2. Understand what is involved in different high adventure disciplines.
3. Run a high adventure program safely.

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Learning

Objectives

1. Learn what resources are available to support a high adventure program.
2. Learn where to find the resources.
3. Learn how to use the resources.
4. Learn how to safely do a high adventure program.
5. Learn what is involved with different high adventure disciplines.

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Requirements

1. Be a registered BSA adult.
2. Have a current BSA Class III physical
3. Have Scout Executive approval

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How A Council Hosts A Course

1. Council leadership commits to hosting a course and applies to their region in writing asking for approval to host a course.
2. Decide on a 7-day or weekend course.
3. In the application to their region, include the name of your course director.
4. Course director must have previously been to a Powder Horn course and be capable of providing course leadership and direction.
5. Set the course fee and dates.
6. Assign a staff advisor.
7. Request course syllabus (version 3) from your region.
8. Best to set dates at least a year out, two even better.

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Visit www.powderhorn-bsa.org for a list of approved courses and post-course pictures.

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